

## Extramural JSPS - FAQs

**Q.** What is the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers?

**A.** This program was established to assist promising and highly qualified young foreign researchers wishing to conduct research in Japan. It is aimed at providing opportunities for such researchers to, under the guidance of their hosts, conduct cooperative research with leading research groups in universities and other institutions, thereby permitting them to advance their own research while stimulating Japanese academic circles, particularly young Japanese researchers, through close collaboration in scientific activities. Such collaboration is also intended to advance scientific research in the counterpart countries.

**Q.** What is the JSPS Invitation Fellowship Program?

**A.** This program is designed to enable Japanese scientist to invite their foreign colleagues to Japan to participate in cooperative work and other academic activities. Scientists of all countries having diplomatic relations with Japan are eligible.

**Q.** What is the eligibility requirement for the Short-term Invitation Fellowship?

**A.** You must be a senior scientist, university professor or other with substantial professional experience and you must be a US Citizen or US Permanent Resident, if applying through FIC.

**Q.** What is the eligibility requirement for the long-term Invitation Fellowship?

**A.** The candidate must be a researcher with an excellent record of research achievement who, in principle, is employed full-time at an overseas research institution, and also meets the citizenship and degree requirements.

**Q.** How many nominations can NIH submit to JSPS?

**A.** NIH can nominate 10 applicants for each type of fellowship.

**Q.** When is Japan's Fiscal Year?

**A.** April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**Q.** Can I apply for a fellowship if I am affiliated with a military establishment?

**A.** No, you are not eligible to apply.

**Q.** Does NIH find a Japanese Host Researcher for the applicant?

**A.** No, the applicant must have made prior contact with a qualifying institution in Japan and received an Invitation Letter from said institution before they submit their application to FIC.

**Q.** What are the terms of the award?

**A.** The awarded fellow will receive a round-trip ticket; a daily maintenance allowance of 18,000 JPY; a domestic research travel allowance of 150,000 JPY; and travel accident and sickness insurance coverage.

**Q.** Does the Host Researcher receive funds?

**A.** Yes, the Host receives a cooperation allowance of 50,000 JPY.

**Q.** Can a successful applicant postpone the award for a year?

**A.** No. The successful applicant must start the fellowship prior to March 31 of the year following award.